City of Santa Barbara

Youth Council Meeting May 6, 2019 MINUTES

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:07 p.m. by Chair Nathaniel Getachew. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Quinn Stefan and Roll Call was led by Secretary Ellie Chenoweth.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Blumenthal, Talia	Yes	
Broeffle, Sean	Yes	
Chenoweth, Ellie	Yes	
Diaz, Michael		Yes
Getachew, Nathaniel	Yes	
Hensley, Milo		Yes
Jimenez-Cortes, Stephany	Yes	
Minor, Julia		Yes
Pina, Marco Palmerin		Yes
Stefan, Quinn	Yes	
Stone, Julia	Yes	
Thakrar, Anjali	Yes	
Vesper, Emily	Yes	
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Junior High School		
Representatives:		
River Proulx-Kelly	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT: Roberta Payán, Susan Young LIAISONS: Councilwoman Kristen Sneddon

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded by Youth Councilmembers Quinn Stefan and Julia Stone, to waive the reading and approval of minutes until the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF/LIASION REPORT

Staff gave update of upcoming meetings and events, to date; reminded members of community service hours; thanked the members and staff of NOS for handling the Teen Leadership Conference.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Special Events:</u> Committee Chair Getachew stated the Special Events committee would give their report under Old Business.

<u>Policies and Procedures</u>: Committee Chair Anjali Thakrar reminded members of the proposed policy changes and stated that the Youth Council needed to firm up the changes.

<u>Fundraising</u>: Subcommittee Chair Stefan announced that the Youth Council had made \$200 from the fundraiser at Aleworks. Members and staff thanked Aleworks for their support.

Project ALMA: No report.

<u>Jr. High School</u>: Committee Member River Proulx-Kelly stated she was becoming familiar with what the junior high representatives do and working on recruitment.

<u>Sunshine Committee</u>: Committee Chair Jimenez-Cortes talked briefly about End of Year dinner and members were reminded of their \$5 donation.

<u>Executive Committee</u>: Chair Getachew stated the Executive Committee had met to develop questions and format for the youth council interviews.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Youth Leadership Conference (TLC): Youth Council members reported on the event from the past week. Members stated that it was great to have both Mayor Cathy Murillo and Councilperson Sneddon present and to hear their encouragement and advice on being a leader. Police Activities League Youth Council and members of Future Leaders of America were also present. All agreed it was a good conference.

<u>Tobacco Prevention Collaboration</u>: Staff Advisor Roberta Payan gave a brief overview of the proposed budget for the tobacco prevention

collaboration, which included a year membership with SBTV and the cost of production for the PSA's. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council Members Talia Blumenthal and Julia Minor, respectively, to approve the budget and scope of work. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Feminist Festival Collaboration: Youth Council member Anjali Thakrar spoke to the Council on behalf of the Dos Pueblos Women in Technology group. The Youth Council has voted to co-host a festival to encourage more young girls to be involved in STEM. Ms. Thakrar gave a brief update of the progress of the January 2020 event. It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Emily Vesper and Julia Stone, that the Youth Council create an ad hoc subcommittee to be assigned to work on this event. Motion carried unanimously. Quinn Stefan volunteered to attend the DPWT meeting on May 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. End of the Year Dinner: Sunshine Committee Chair Jimenez-Cortes gave a brief update on the upcoming End of the Year Dinner. It was a consensus that the dinner be held at the Casa Las Palmas building as last year. Members were encouraged to help the Sunshine Committee plan the event. Chair and Vice Chair Getachew and Chenoweth stated they would take care of the Paper Plate Awards. Sunshine Committee plan
- b. <u>Youth Council Interviews/Recommendations:</u> Youth Council held the first set of interviews for those applying for Youth Council. The Youth Council interviewed Laila Goodman, Santa Barbara High School and Tim Chau, Santa Barbara High School.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Council recognized the birthday of Talia Blumenthal.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Susan C. Young Recording Secretary